

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A projectile core, comprising:

a core including a carrier and a colorant mixed and formed into a substantially firm predetermined core shape that is retained by the projectile core prior to impact of the projectile core upon a target; and,

a generally uniform coating bonded to and enveloping the core, the coating conforming to the shape of the core;

at least a portion of the coating and core adapted to disintegrate or disperse upon impact with a target.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The projectile core of claim 1, wherein the colorant is at least one of a pigment and a liquid dye.

4. (Original) The projectile core of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the projectile core is adapted to disintegrate or disperse upon impact with a target.

5. (Original) The projectile core of claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises one of a fibrous, absorbent material and a powder.

6. (Original) The projectile core of claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises a plant fiber.
7. (Original) The projectile core of claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises a cellulosic material.
8. (Original) The projectile core of claim 7, wherein the cellulosic material comprises rice straw.
9. (Original) The projectile core of claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises a powder.
10. (Currently amended) A projectile for marking a target, comprising:
a projectile core comprising a carrier and a colorant mixed and formed into a substantially firm predetermined core shape that is retained by the projectile core prior to impact of the projectile core upon a target; and, ~~an outer coating a generally uniform coating bonded to and enveloping the core, the coating conforming to the shape of the core.~~
11. (Canceled)
12. (Original) The projectile core of claim 10, wherein the colorant is one of a pigment and a liquid dye.
13. (Original) The projectile core of claim 10, wherein at least a portion of the projectile core is adapted to disintegrate or disperse upon impact with a target.

14. (Original) The projectile core of claim 10, wherein the carrier comprises at least one of a fibrous, absorbent material and a powder.
15. (Original) The projectile core of claim 10, wherein the carrier comprises a plant fiber.
16. (Original) The projectile core of claim 10, wherein the carrier comprises a cellulosic material.
17. (Original) The projectile core of claim 16, wherein the cellulosic material comprises rice straw.
18. (Original) The projectile core of claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises a powder.
19. (Withdrawn) A method of forming a projectile core, comprising:
 - (a) mixing a carrier and a colorant to form a core mixture;
 - (b) forming the core mixture into a predetermined core shape; and,
 - (c) curing the core mixture until a substantially firm projectile core is formed.
20. (Withdrawn) The method of forming a projectile core according to claim 19, wherein the projectile core is further heated until an outer layer is formed adjacent the projectile core's outer surface.
21. (Withdrawn) A method of forming a projectile, comprising:(a) mixing a carrier and a colorant to form a core mixture;(b) forming the core mixture into a

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predetermined core shape;(c) curing the core mixture until a substantially firm projectile core is formed; and,(d) coating the outer surface of the projectile with an outer coating.